educated unemployed youths in rural areas in Maharashtra and measures taken for their employment during the last three years;

(b) the details of financial allocation made for this purpose during the said period;

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated by Government for this purpose during Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the schemes and achievements of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements the Scheme, namely, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in all the districts of the country, including the districts of Maharashtra to provide self-employment opportunities to the rural poor including the educated unemployed youths.

(b) The Central allocation to the State of Maharashtra under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) was Rs. 17076.28 lakhs during the last three years (i.e. 2000-01,2001 -02 and 2002-03).

(c) The Central allocation for all the States/UTs under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is Rs. 395500.00 lakhs during the Tenth Five Year Plan Period.

(d) Under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), a total number of 2811669 Swarojgaris have been assisted during the last three years.

Misutilisation of SGSY funds

1904. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale diversions, misutilisation and retention of funds in deposits have been reported under the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) Some instances of diversion/misutilisation of SGSY funds amounting to Rs. 58.39 Crore in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam Bihar, Chattisgarh, Dadra & Nagra Haveli, Daman & Diu, Goa,

Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have been reported during the period of 1999-2002 in the Report No. 3 of 2003 of Comptroller & Auditor General. As per this Report some instances of retention of SGSY funds in Deposit Accounts amounting to Rs. 120.33 Crore during the same period were also reported in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Kerala,. Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

PMGSY proposals approved for Maharashtra

1905. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned and proposals approved for Maharashtra under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the financial years 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) the details of the construction of roads for the year 2002-03;

(c) whether the cases of diversion of funds earmarked for PMGSY have come to the notice of Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 263.90 crore was sanctioned for Maharashtra for Phase II (2001 -2003) of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for construction of 804 roads. Out of the road works cleared, construction of 205 roads has been completed. The final Project Proposal for the year 2003-04 is yet to be received from the State.

(c) No, sir.

(d) and (e) Questions do not arise.

Roads to be constructed in Uttaranchal under PMGSY

†1906. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.